



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Carol L. Colrain et al. : Confirmation Number: 8991  
Serial No.: 10/086,782 : Group Art Unit: 2167  
Filed: February 28, 2002 : Examiner: Harold E. Dodds  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR :  
PROVIDING COOPERATIVE :  
RESOURCE GROUPS FOR HIGH :  
AVAILABILITY APPLICATIONS :  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until August 17, 2005. In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.